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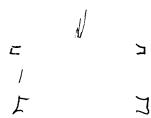
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Subject: Contact with CASSOWARY 2 on 1 and 2 December - Recruitment

1. Most of the individuals who would lend themselves for current operations are, at present, in the Service. Here, CASSOWARY 2 cannot approach them because he would rum into difficulties with the Defense Department. On the other hand, our inability to recruit these men makes CASSOWARY 2 feel that either we don't care about agent material or that we are such a weak organization that we cannot influence the Defense Department.

- 2. Those young individuals who are in civilian life, have jobs, are more or less settled and have established social contacts so that it becomes increasingly difficult to approach them offering them hazardous missions. It, therefore, is becoming more apparent that there has to be a transitional period between their settled civilian life and the time they are asked the all-important question. Here again, CASSOWARY 2 stressed the importance of some type of a holding and indoctrination center.
- 3. Because of the above, CASSOWARY 2 states that he has no young men who would be willing to go on a mission nor does he have prospects for any at this time.
- 4. Just as though to highlight the difference between "his type of agent" and the type we might be more interested in, CASSOWARY 2 informed that there is a young man in New York, a native of the DONBAS area, who expressed an interest in returning to the USSR if such were made possible for him. This lead will be followed up.



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